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## *Inept Intelligence on Cuba Invasion Calls for Correction*

This is no time for noisy dissension over our government's course of action in dealing with national and hemisphere security in Cuba. But to suggest that a foreign policy decision is necessarily guaranteed success does not excuse faults or failures.

There is a preponderance of evidence to support the conclusion that our government's support of last week's ill-fated anti-Castro "invasion" was based on grossly faulty intelligence. It follows that some examination of intelligence gathering and evaluation processes is called for.

This incident of serious miscalculation on the basis faulty intelligence is but the last of a long history of such miscalculations dating back to Pearl Harbor and including Korea.

Recriminations will not help the situation, but correction of such fundamental faults as may exist in our intelligence

service, headed by CIA, is of most vital importance to national security.

The Cuban invasion was based on the assumption of a popular internal uprising as soon as the landing materialized. That explosion did not even get started. There again, the strength of Castro's forces, and their ability to deal with internal revolt, was sadly underestimated.

It should not be overlooked, however, that the invasion, attempt, along with whatever part our government played, has only a fringe relation to the question of direct military action.

As the President pointed out in his press conference Friday, the threat of the rising power and ideology of Cuba is more of a threat to the rest of Latin America than it is to the United States.

The invasion setback is merely the first half of the first inning, rather than the last of the ninth as some seem to think.